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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Dear Sir:

Applicant and Assignee NuTool, Inc. are entitled to be accorded small entity status for the present application based on the definitions as set forth in 37 CFR §1.27(a). Accordingly, NuTool, Inc. is asserting small entity status for the present application

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